

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0019]:

[0019] Figs. 1 to 5 are optical construction diagrams of the zoom lens systems of a first to a fifth embodiment of the invention, respectively, each showing the lens construction, optical path, and other ~~features~~features of the corresponding zoom lens system as observed at the wide-angle end W in an optical section along a straightened optical path. Figs. 6 to 10 are optical construction diagrams of the zoom lens systems of the first to fifth embodiments, respectively, each showing the lens construction, optical path, and other ~~features~~features of the corresponding zoom lens system as observed at the wide-angle end W in an optical section along a bent optical path. In Figs. 1 to 5, arrows m2 and m3 schematically indicate the movement of the second and third lens units GR2 and GR3, respectively, during zooming from the wide angle end W to the telephoto end T, and, in Fig. 5, an arrow mS indicates that the aperture stop ST remains stationary during zooming. In Figs. 1 to 5, a surface marked as ri (i = 1, 2, 3, . . .) is the i-th surface from the object side (with an asterisk (*) following ri indicating an aspherical surface), and an axial distance marked as di (i = 1, 2, 3, . . .) is the i-th axial distance from the object side, through only those axial distances which vary as zooming is performed, i.e., variable axial distances, are shown here.

Please amend paragraph [0044]:

[0044] To perform zooming of the second type described above, the second lens unit GR2 alone needs to be responsible for a zoom ratio lower than that of the entire system. Specifically, it is preferable that condition (2) below be fulfilled

$$1.0 < (f_t \cdot m_{2w}) / (f_w \cdot m_{2t}) \quad (2)$$

where

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- fw represents the focal length of the zoom lens system as a whole at the wide-angle end W;
- ft represents the focal length of the zoom lens system as a whole at the telephoto end T;
- m2w represents the imaging magnification ~~[[of]]~~with the second lens unit at the wide-angle end W; and
- m2t represents the imaging magnification ~~[[of]]~~with the second lens unit at the telephoto end T.